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River Rendezvous

Thursday September 22, 4:00 to 8:30 p.m.

One of the finest living-history events in the Midwest returns to Pond Dakota Mission Park in Bloomington! Over 50 costumed re-enactors will demonstrate 19th century frontier life, including American Indian dance performances, early pioneer life and trades, plants and animals, the fur trade, wilderness skills, and fun and games through authentic hands-on experiences. Tours of the restored 1856 Gideon and Agnes Pond House will be given throughout the evening.

Admission is \$6, children under 4 are free.

Pond Dakota Mission Park is located at 401 East 104th Street. Kettle corn will be available for purchase and there is plenty of free parking.

For more info visit www.BloomingtonMN.gov or call Mark Morrison at 952-563-8693.



Events at Pond Dakota Mission Park

The Pond House is open year round on Sundays from 1:30 – 4 p.m. Admission to programs and tours is free for Pond Dakota Heritage Society members and youth through high school. Suggested donation of \$2 for non-member adults.

JULY

Frontier Game Day Sunday, July 3

Drop-in program 2–4 pm

Try your hand at several frontier games such as Stick and Hoop, Graces, Jacob's Ladder, and Fox & Geese and make a thaumatrope and a whirligig to take home. See how simple household items were fashioned into toys that entertained children for hours.

Open House Sunday, July 10, 1:30-4 pm

The firing of the 60,000 bricks which would be used in constructing the Pond house began in July of 1856. During today's house tour, learn about frontier brick making and examine one of the original 1856 bricks.

Revenge, Military Law, and the Judgment of History Sunday, July 17, 2 pm

John Haymond, Executive Director of the Mower County Historical Society, will examine the 1862 military commission trials, the role of Dakota culture in the context of lawful warfare, sovereignty, the atrocity allegations, 19th century military law, and how the U.S./Dakota War of 1862 has been depicted over the past 154 years. Sponsored by the Pond Dakota Heritage Society.

Open House Sunday, July 24, 1:30-4 pm

You are speaking Dakota when you say names like Minnesota, Minnetonka, Chaska and Winona. House tours will include an explanation of what these and other Minnesota place names actually mean.

Open House Sunday, July 31, 1:30-4 pm

While touring the Pond House, see historic photos of Pond Family members and the large Pond family reunions from the collections of Jeff Williamson, one of Gideon Pond's great-grandsons.

AUGUST

The Land Through Lakota Eyes

Sunday, August 7, 2 pm

Join Cante Suta (Francis Bettelyoun), Coordinator for the Native American Medicine Gardens at the U of M Twin Cities, for a walk through the native prairie that is being restored in Pond Dakota Mission Park. Learn how American Indians used native plants for food and medicine. House tours at 1:30 & 3:30 pm.

Open House Sunday, August 14, 1:30-4 pm

This week marks the 154th anniversary of the beginning of the U.S. Dakota War of 1862. House tours will include a timeline of that war, and the pertinent events which occurred before and afterwards.

My Sister and I: A Norwegian/Dakota Family Story - Our Journey Sunday, August 21, 2 pm

After their Dakota mother's death in 2001, sisters Betty Smith and Shirley Greising decided to learn about their Dakota heritage which they never knew as children. Their mother was reluctant to talk about her Dakota family and way of life due to her experiences in an Indian boarding school. Hear about the sisters' 16-year journey that continues to lead them to learn about Dakota history and meet new Dakota relatives and Elders. House tours at 1:30 & 3:30 pm. Sponsored by the Pond Dakota Heritage Society.

Open House Sunday, August 28, 1:30-4 pm

It's wild rice harvest time! While touring the Pond house, see samples of wild rice in various stages of preparation, and learn how important this food was for American Indians and white settlers on the Minnesota frontier.

SEPTEMBER

Open House Sunday, September 4, 1:30-4 pm

House tours will highlight Edward Pond and Mary Frances Hopkins, step children of Gideon and Agnes, who were married and then moved to South Dakota as missionaries to the Dakota during their very difficult years of exile from their homeland in Minnesota.

Open House Sunday, September 11, 1:30-4 pm

Gideon founded Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in 1855. During house tours see the beautiful chair Gideon received as a gift when he retired in 1873, and hear stories of his 18-year pastorate.

Sunday, September 18

House closed for River Rendezvous preparations

Open House Sunday, September 25, 1:30-4 pm

154 years ago, the U.S. Dakota War of 1862 ended with the Battle of Wood Lake. Tours of the Pond House will feature a reading of Chief Little Crow's explanation of the reasons for the war.

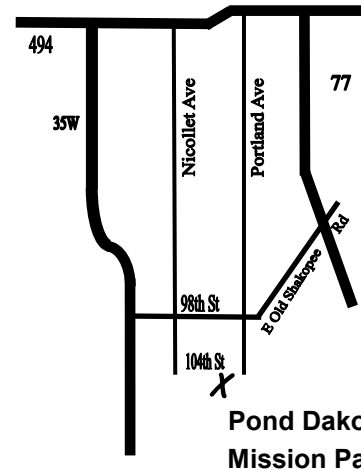
Lac qui Parle Mission Sunday

**Sunday, July 10
Near Montevideo, MN**

This annual event at the Lac qui Parle Mission site is attended by descendants of the original Dakota Christians as well as descendants of the missionaries and other interested people. Rev. Enright Big Horn will lead worship at 10:30 am with special music by the Dakota Choir. There will be a potluck lunch at noon. Please bring a dish to pass, serving and eating utensils, napkins, and plates. Coffee and juice provided. At 1 pm Lois Glewwe, Dave Craigmile and Jeff Williamson will lead a discussion on the five newly installed exhibit panels at the Lac qui Parle Mission.

For more information, please contact the Chippewa County Historical Society at 320.269.7636 or lacqui-parle@mnhs.org. The Mission site is located at the junction of Chippewa County Hwy. 13 and County Rd. 32, six miles north of Montevideo, MN.

**Pond Dakota Mission Park
401 East 104th Street
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Interpretive signs describing the history of the Dakota in the Minnesota River Valley, and Gideon and Samuel Pond, missionaries who arrived in 1834, are located along the walking trails in the park. The 1856 Gideon and Agnes Pond House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The park is open daily until 10 pm.

For more information about Pond Dakota Mission Park or private tours of the Gideon and Agnes Pond House, contact Mark Morrison, City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, 952-563-8693, or mmorrison@BloomingtonMN.gov.

More about the Pond House at
www.BloomingtonMN.gov

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**Pond Dakota Heritage Society**

We're on a mission to preserve the rich history of the Dakota and their relationship with early Minnesota settlers and Christian Missionaries, and to explore contrasting cultural and religious viewpoints. Annual Membership: Individual \$20, Household \$30, Sustaining \$100-\$499, Benefactor \$500 or more. Renew or join today! Go to www.ponddakota.org/support.

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The Potato Dance



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